

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF WESTCHESTER
11 August 2009**

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM and present / responding to roll call were Trustees Fox, Novak, Sloan, and Pres. Pulia. Also present were Village Manager Urban and Village Attorney Storino. Absent were Trustees Boyle, Casey and Steker.

PRESENTATIONS:

The Village honored Police Officer Daniel Ochsner for his forty-two years of service to the Village.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. David Costello, 2318 Downing, expressed concern about the red light cameras. He questioned if there has been safety data collected, how much money has been received, and if it was mainly right turn on red offenders. President Pulia suggested he meet with Chief Evans regarding his questions. Trustee Fox explained that the Board did look into all the pros and cons before starting the program. The board will review the program each year. Mr. Jerry Ruzika, 2221 Sunnyside questioned the work done on his block by the Public Works department. The holes were patched and then hot patched but the problem is still there. Mr. Gross will go back out and re-evaluate the street.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox to approve the Consent Agenda with some items removed for discussion. Trustee Sloan would like to remove Item B, the Record of Bills. Trustee Fox would like to remove Item A, Minutes from July 22, 2009, Special Board Meeting and July 22, 2009 Town Hall Meeting; Item I, Resolution: Appointment to the Plan Commission; and Item J, Resolution: Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Trustee Sloan questioned where True Green did work on bill 456836 as no address was given. The other bills all had addresses where the work was done. Mr. Urban said that bill will be removed from the Consent Agenda and he will get the location where work was done. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fox for approval of Item B, Record of Bills, and on the roll call vote, Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 4) Trustee Fox pointed out Trustee Casey and Novak were present at the July 22, 2009 Special Board Meeting and the July 22, 2009 Town Hall Meeting. Their names will be added to the roll call as being present. Trustee Fox believes there is a conflict of interest with Joe Christopher being appointed to the Plan Commission and he feels he does not represent the change that he talked about during the campaign and feels there are many new residents that would like to serve. President Pulia explained the board was expanded from five to seven members so that is why some of the existing members have been asked to stay on. Trustee Sloan feels that Mr. Christopher has been a good leader in the past, as he was the person who questioned the lack of action by the previous Board members and tried to push Economic Development forward. Trustee Sloan made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak for the approval of pulled Item I, and on the roll call vote the motion passed. (AYE 3) (NYE 1)

Trustee Fox feels many appointments have been on the board previously stating there are many new residents that could be asked to serve. Trustee Sloan pointed out that there are new residents being appointed. In the case of the Planning Commission, of the six appointments presently being made, half of the individuals are residents who have not served on Village Boards/Commissions and that this Commission will end up with another new member when the last position is filled. Trustee Sloan also noted that in the next newsletter we will be asking for volunteers for future appointments. Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan for approval of pulled Item J, and on the roll call vote, the motion was passed. (AYE 3) (NYE 1)

President Pulia swore in Sherby Miller to the Ethics Committee and Andrew Natanek to the Planning Committee.

ACTIVE AGENDA:

A. Divine Providence School has applied for a sign permit. The sign is larger than allowed by code. The school first submitted a very large sign containing an LED moving copy component. They have redesigned the sign eliminating the LED moving copy component and is now closer to our current sign ordinance. Trustee Novak made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to approve the Divine Providence sign, and on the roll call vote, the Board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 4)

B. A former printing ink manufacturing facility located just outside the Village limits has been discovered to have had contaminated soils. Contamination soil remediation has been ongoing to remove chemicals that have leached into the ground. Shallow groundwater supplies have been affected. This resolution is not restricting use of current wells but not allowing future wells to be constructed. Trustee Sloan suggested getting notice to those residents with wells. Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Novak to approve an Ordinance to Prohibit Use of Groundwater as a Potable Water Supply and on the roll call vote, the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 4)

C. Chapter 14.56 Property Rental Code, of the Westchester Municipal Code, has not been enforced since its inception and based on legal counsel opinion, should be eliminated. Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan, to approve an Ordinance Repealing Property Rental Code and on the roll call vote, the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 4)

D. The Village Board is required to review the minutes of closed meetings no less than semi-annually and make a determination if the need for confidentiality still exists for minutes of each meeting. Trustee Fox asked Mr. Sturino why certain minutes could not be released and it was because they were regarding collective bargaining and felt they should remain confidential. Mr. Sturino will go through these minutes with the board in a future closed meeting. Trustee Sloan made a motion to approve the Resolution to Release Executive Session Minutes, and on the roll call vote, the board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 4)

E. The police department sees an opportunity to save costs by hiring recently retired police officer Marc Gallion as a part-time truck enforcement officer. Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan to approve a Resolution to hire a part-time police officer and on the roll call vote, the

board unanimously passed said motion. (AYE 4)

F. Presentation of Commercial Property Index was presented by Brian Gorka and Adam Weil. Over five hundred businesses were surveyed; an accurate address map was created; a SWOT analysis was performed; and checked for zoning violations and unlicensed businesses. Fifty-five businesses are operating without a business license, and they have been contacted and responses are coming in. The results of this work has also shown that business and zoning codes are completely outdated. All of the results from this work are available for review.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Four styles of banners were on display that have been put up on Roosevelt, Manheim, Cermak, and 31st Streets. Mr. Ken Rathje from Rathje Planning Services presented an update on the rewriting of the Adult Use Ordinance. He has examined other municipalities' ordinances. Forest Park's and Downers Grove's are the ordinances he will model Westchester's after. They will also work on the zoning ordinance and the liquor code. The massage ordinance is something else they will look into. The draft ordinance will be ready within a few weeks.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None

ATTORNEYS REPORT:

None

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Novak has seen the Consent Agenda for the Census, which is the start of the process.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Sidewalk replacement 50/50 program is underway. A grinding machine was used on Roosevelt Road eliminating some trip hazards on certain sidewalks. The Cook Co. water meeting is in September and the Highlands Golf Course will be on the agenda. The new bobcat machine has arrived and is already being used. Public Works continues painting curbs and trimming trees.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Fox made a motion, seconded by Trustee Sloan, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Catherine M. Booth, Village Clerk